

Comments

The Examiner has rejected claims 8, 9, 15 and 16 under § 102(b) as being anticipated by U. S. Patent 5,234,052 to Coone, et al., and has rejected claims 13 and 14 as being unpatentable over Coone, et al., in view of U. S. Patent 6,056,053 to Giroux, et al. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection for the reason that the cited art does not show all of the limitations of the claims. However, Applicants have amended claim 8 to include the limitations of claim 10 and in accordance with the Examiner's comments should therefore be allowable. Claims 11 and 12 likewise are allowable and 13 and 14 depend directly or indirectly from claim 8 and should likewise be allowed. Claim 15 has been amended to include the limitations of original claim 17 which has been objected to but was not rejected. Claim 15 should therefore be allowed. Claims 16 and 18 depend from claim 15 either directly or indirectly and are likewise allowable. Claim 19 is original claim 18 written in independent form and based on the Examiner's objections should likewise be allowable. Claims 20 and 21 depend from new claim 19 and should therefore be allowed. Finally, claim 22 is original claim 11 written in independent form, and claims 23 and 24 depend therefrom.

Conclusion

The foregoing amendments place the application in condition for allowance and therefore reconsideration is respectfully requested along with an early indication of the allowance of claims 8, 11-16 and 18-24, along with previously allowed claims 1-7.

Respectfully submitted,



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